An Unforgettable Educational Experience

Creating Unforgettable Educational Programming

Viewing a Kids on the Block puppet show performance is an unforgettable educational experience. The puppet "kids" vividly and effectively model relationships between people, both with and without disabilities, by using frank and often humorous communication of facts and feeling between the puppet characters and the audience.

The Kids on the Block originated in 1977, in direct response to US Public Law 94-192, which required that children with disabilities be educated in the least restrictive environment. For many children, this meant being included in a classroom with their non-disabled peers. Mark Riley, who represents a child with Cerebral Palsy, was the first puppet character created to fill the need of children with disabilities to have their non-disabled peers understand and accept them. Through Mark Riley, the children learned about Cerebral Palsy and began asking questions directly to Mark. The Kids on the Block, Inc., was launched due to this enthusiastic response. The program continues to grow and offers programs on topics ranging from Autism to Bullies and School Safety.

Kids on the Block Program Topics

AIDS ● Arthritis ● Asthma ● Autism ● Blindness ● Brain Injury ● Cerebral Palsy ● Children's Mental Health
ADHD ● Deafness ● Diabetes ● Dwarfism ● Emotional Disturbance ● Epilepsy ● Gifted and Talented
Hemophilia ● Learning Disabilities ● Leukemia ● Mental Retardation ● Muscular Dystrophy
Ostomy ● Severe Burns ● Sibling of a Child with a Disability ● Spina Bifida

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC), with funding from the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) is delighted to bring the Kids on the Block programming to Delaware.

(Since this is the first year for this program in Delaware, all topics may not be available.)

For more information on booking a puppet show, or becoming a puppeteer, please call the GACEC office at 302-739-4553

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